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## VERDICT IS IN

### Coroner's Jury on the King Street Tragedy.

#### OFFICIAL CONCLUSIONS REACHED

How Alohiika and Hannan Met  
Death—Transformer Location.  
One Man Dissents.

The coroner's inquest closed yester-  
day in the case of the electrocuted  
men, Thos. Hannan, a U. S. private,  
and Alohiika, a hawkeian. The fol-  
lowing is the verdict rendered by the  
jury:

"That they and each one of them  
came to their death respectively on the  
21st day of October, A. D. 1898, in Ho-  
nolulu, Island of Oahu, by coming in  
contact with a primary electric light  
wire carrying 1,000 volts of electricity  
at that place on King street in said  
Honolulu, where their bodies were  
found, which wire prior thereto, had  
been severed or broken by coming in  
contact with a neighboring wire thus  
causing a 'short circuit,' whereby said  
primary wire was severed and the two  
severed ends thereof fell to the ground."

"We further find, in general, that  
the electric light plant and system of  
Honolulu is lacking in many essential  
and important respects, thus render-  
ing the same a menace to human life."

"We further find in particular that  
there is no independent systematic in-  
spection of said electric light plant  
and system."  
"Had the transformer been placed on  
the opposite side of the corner of King  
and Richard streets instead of where  
it was, at the time of this occurrence,  
two lives would have been saved as  
the wire would then have only car-  
ried about 55 volts of electricity and  
rendered the same harmless; that the  
placing of primary wires heavily  
charged with electricity over public  
thoroughfares and streets at a low  
elevation is improper and dangerous  
to life."

"The using of wooden insulator pins  
in this climate where they are likely  
to be weakened and destroyed by in-  
sects, is also improper and dangerous."  
"We further find from the evidence  
adduced that the present Superintendent  
has with the resources available  
done all in his power to put the sys-  
tem into a proper and safe condition."

"E. H. PARIS.  
A. PEYSER.  
T. V. KING.  
J. KUAANA.  
J. N. MAHUKA."

"I concur in the above findings and  
verdict with the exception of that por-  
tion thereof which says: 'We further  
find from the evidence adduced that  
the present Superintendent with re-  
sources available done all in his power  
to put the system into a proper and  
safe condition.'"

"ALBERT TRASK."

#### Oregon and Iowa.

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—The battle-  
ships Oregon and Iowa sailed today  
with sealed orders from Washington.  
There has been considerable specula-  
tion as to the destination of the bat-  
tleships. It was first stated that they  
would proceed direct to Manila, but  
subsequent reports threw some doubt  
upon this, and Honolulu may be their  
objective point, from where they may  
proceed to Manila to strengthen Ad-  
miral Dewey's position. Capt. A. S.  
Barker is in command of the Oregon  
and Capt. Silas Terry commands the  
Iowa.

The United States colliers Scindia  
and Celtic followed the battleships out  
to sea.

#### Mr. Sewall, Sr.

Arthur Sewall has forwarded to the  
Hawaiian Commission a petition signed  
by a large number of ship-owners  
of Bath and Boston, urging the appli-  
cation of navigation laws of the United  
States to Hawaii. The petition begs  
that the carrying trade between ports  
in the states and Hawaii be confined  
exclusively to vessels flying the Ameri-  
can flag.

#### Launch Broke Down.

The breaking down of the pump on  
board the Arizona's steam launch  
caused some tall swearing by officers  
of that steamship who were anxious

to return to the troopship last night  
and were awaiting the launch at the  
boat landing. The launch was finally  
tied up alongside Brewer's wharf  
and a shore boat sent for the Ariz-  
ona's gun, which came to the landing  
and took the officers off in a proper  
manner to the vessel.

#### To the Coast.

Marshal Brown sails for the Coast  
on the Moana upon her return trip.  
Mr. Brown's main purpose for taking  
this trip is to make a thorough study  
of the police departments on the Coast,  
as it is found necessary since annexa-  
tion to have the departments of the  
Pacific Coast in closer relations with  
the department here.

Mr. Brown will return next Decem-  
ber. His wife accompanies him as far  
as San Francisco.

#### In City Residence.

(Call, 16th.)  
William G. Irwin, the banker, of Ho-  
nolulu, has taken a lease of the Blair  
residence on Van Ness avenue, corner  
of Bush street, where his family will  
spend the winter.

## A COLUMBIA CASE

### Testimony to Be Taken in Offices of Attorneys.

Claim of Harvey Johnston—"Bar"  
Privileges—Lillookalani  
Answers Suit.

The attorneys for the respective  
parties in the case of Harvey Johnston  
vs. S. S. City of Columbia have stipu-  
lated that the testimony of Irving  
Emory, Thomas Buckley, Harvey John-  
ston, Charles Arrey, Ed. Clements,  
Peter Jacobson and J. B. Jacobson be  
taken in the office of Kinney & Ballou  
on the 27th day of October, to be used  
in the trial of said case after being  
transcribed from stenographic notes  
and without witnesses subscribing to  
the same. Johnston sues on the ground  
that he was deprived of steamer  
"bar" privileges he had purchased.  
Lillookalani by her attorneys Robert-  
son & Wilder has filed a demurrer  
to complaint of Wong Kwai in his ac-  
tion against her for specific perform-  
ance. The grounds for demurrer are:  
1st, that plaintiff bill does not state  
a sufficient cause of action to entitle  
him to the relief prayed for. 2nd, that  
it appears in and by said bill that  
plaintiff has an adequate and complete  
remedy at law.

Judge Perry yesterday ordered a  
continuance for seven weeks in the  
case of Victoria Ward vs. C. S. Desky  
and E. Peck & Co.  
Charles Creighton on behalf of J. S.  
Ramos, gives notice of motion for or-  
der of publication in the divorce case  
of J. S. Ramos vs. Maria G. Ramos.  
Judgment for \$63.60 has been enter-  
ed for plaintiff in case of Kong Yong  
vs. Yau Choy.

#### VALENCIA CHIEF.

Engineer Pierson Saw the Manila  
Surrender.

"Dick" Pearson, chief engineer of  
the Valencia, is again visiting old  
friends in Honolulu. He was for a  
long time, some years ago, in the em-  
ploy of one of the Island steamship  
companies.

Chief Pierson witnessed, from the  
Valencia in Manila bay, the bombard-  
ment and capture of the Spanish cap-  
ital. The chief says it is unaccount-  
able to him that everywhere it is re-  
ported that the shore batteries were  
not used against the ships of Dewey's  
fleet. The fact is that the Callao was  
hit nine times and many shells struck  
near other ships in the action. The  
Monterey was sent in close, but was  
not hit. The Callao, Mr. Pierson says,  
is only about the size of the J. A.  
Cummins here and for armor had  
oblongs over the sides. She carried a  
battery of five small, rapid-fire guns  
and used them with effect. Through-  
out the engagement, Admiral Dewey  
could be seen on the bridge of his flag-  
ship.

It was the fortune of Chief Pierson  
to get a close view of the naval hero  
of the day. Admiral Dewey, says  
Chief Pierson, is not a small man in  
stature, by any means, being of good  
height and of fine build. He has a  
strong, pleasant face, but is much  
grayer than his pictures would indi-  
cate. The Admiral shows no signs of  
what he has been through or of the  
responsibilities that weigh upon him.

#### VISITED THE CHINESE EMPEROR

PEKING, Oct. 18.—The physician at-  
tached to the French Legation here  
visited the Emperor of China today for  
the purpose of making a medical exami-  
nation.

## PLANT IS BOUGHT

### Purchase of Material for Tele- phone Exchange.

#### TO BE MUCH IMPROVEMENT

Outfit for the Waikiki Branch Of-  
fice—Supt. Cassidy's Trip.  
Compressed Air.

John Cassidy, Superintendent of the  
Mutual Telephone system, was one of  
the passengers for Honolulu by the S.  
S. China. Mr. Cassidy has been in the  
States for two months on business for  
the company with which he is con-  
tracted. The purpose of his trip was to  
examine telephone systems in the prin-  
cipal cities of the United States where  
there are also electric street railway  
lines. There has been some trouble  
with the service here on account of  
electric wires and then it is anticipated  
that the Rapid Transit Company soon  
to operate here will have the trolley.  
The most important thing that Mr.  
Cassidy did during his absence was to  
make the purchase of a keyboard, etc.  
for the branch central office that is to  
be established here at an early date.  
This entire plan will be shipped from  
San Francisco within a month. It will  
be of the very best modern pattern.  
The economy and utility of the Waikiki  
branch will be in the saving of wire  
and time in several ways. There will  
be eight main or trunk lines from  
town to the Waikiki section. These  
will accommodate the business for  
many years. It is believed that one  
operator will be sufficient for the sta-  
tion. The branch will greatly relieve  
the switchboard and service pressure  
at the main exchange.

Mr. Cassidy visited the telephonic  
centers of the United States and met  
the leading men in the service and  
supply business. He learned much  
about induction, gaining many facts  
that will be of use in the maintenance  
of the excellence of the service here.  
Mr. Cassidy said last night that the  
telephone here would be improved and  
kept abreast of the times. He is more  
than pleased with the results of his  
trip.

In San Francisco, Mr. Cassidy met  
C. G. Ballentyne, manager of the Ho-  
nolulu Rapid Transit Company. Mr.  
Ballentyne and W. R. Castle were look-  
ing over the street railway systems of  
the California city and were being well  
received by the magnates of the cor-  
porations and the skilled men of the  
engineering and operating depart-  
ments. While in New York Mr. Cassi-  
dy had a look in to the matter of the  
use of a compressed air for power. He  
does not believe that it has been suffi-  
ciently developed for application to  
lines generally.

In a day or two Mr. Cassidy will  
meet the directors of his company and  
will make recommendations on the  
purchase of telephones, etc. The su-  
perintendent has enjoyed his trip and is  
looking well.

#### WRIGHT-GANDALL.

### Popular Young People Are United for Life.

There was a very large audience  
present in St. Andrew's Cathedral last  
evening to witness the marriage of  
Wm. H. Wright, Registrar of Public  
Accounts, to Miss Healtie K. Gan-  
dall, a very estimable young lady from  
the Island of Kauai. The ceremony  
was performed by the Rev. Alex.  
Mackintosh in an impressive manner.  
As the bride party entered the Cath-  
edral the hymn "How Welcome Was  
the Call" was sung by the surplined  
choir of young Hawaiians under the  
direction of Wray Taylor, who pre-  
sided at the organ. Edmund Silles  
was best man, and Miss Maude Auld,  
bridesmaid. The ushers were Messrs.  
G. S. Smithies, Lionel Hart, Carl Wilde-  
man and J. S. Low. The bride, who  
looked very pretty in her bridal cos-  
tume, was given away by her father.  
The chancel of the Cathedral looked  
handsome with the well planned de-  
corations of palms, ferns, flowers, etc.  
As the bride party left the church,  
after signing the register, Mendels-  
sohn's Wedding March was played on  
the organ. A reception was held later  
at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H.  
C. Morton, where the happy couple re-  
ceived the congratulations of many  
friends. Mr. and Mrs. Wright will  
spend their honeymoon at the Penin-  
sula.

#### Rose of Hilo Leaves Topeka.

TOPEKA, Kas., Oct. 11.—A large  
crowd of citizens gathered at the sta-  
tion here this afternoon to witness the

departure of Miss Anna Rose, queen of  
the carnival here, for her home in Ha-  
waii.

Miss Rose seemed considerably af-  
fected by the demonstrations in her  
honor. A procession of Kaniwa  
Knights, headed by the band, escorted  
her to the station. There she was  
presented with a letter to the Hawai-  
ian Islanders and the committee which  
selected Miss Rose for the position of  
Topeka's queen, which was signed by  
Governor Leedy in behalf of the people  
of the State and by Mayor Fallows of  
this city.

#### Engagement "Declared Off."

(S. F. Examiner).  
The engagement between Miss Helen  
Wilder, daughter of the late S. G.  
Wilder, the millionaire steamship own-  
er of Honolulu, and Frank Unger, the  
popular club man, has been broken off.  
The announcement is made on the  
authority of Mr. Unger.  
Unusual interest was manifest in the  
engagement when it was announced.  
Miss Wilder is well known here, hav-  
ing often visited friends in this city.

## MONEY IN SACKS

### How the Baltimore Boys Did Hong Kong.

First Shore Liberty Since Leaving  
Honolulu—"Overtime" Men  
in the Fleet.

J. J. Vanderveer, of the cruiser Bal-  
timore, sends a rare Spanish coin en-  
closed in a letter to his friend, C. S.  
Crane, and says:

"I found it alongside the battery  
which was mounted on Sangley Point,  
Cavite. It was in all probability a  
pocket piece of one of the gunners at  
that battery, as I found a cap within  
a foot of it. We have just returned  
from a week's stay in Hongkong. Went  
into drydock there and every man in  
the ship was given forty-eight hours  
liberty. Just imagine the time they  
had. They had not been ashore since  
leaving Honolulu, and they made  
Hongkong howl, and yet there was no  
trouble at all. The Olympic, Raleigh,  
Boston and Concord had each spent a  
few days there before us. The men  
had money to burn. We have been  
only drawing half pay since May, and  
the result was that each man had a  
snug little sum to spend, and spend it  
they did. It took over \$25,000 dollars  
Mexican money, to pay the crew off;  
the paymaster couldn't do it in one  
day, he had to take two. It was a  
comical sight to see each man leave  
the ship with a sack of money. We  
are all paid in Mexican money, get-  
ting two hundred and twenty for every  
hundred gold. Of course there were a  
few who got no further than the first  
saloon, put their sack on the counter  
and shouted, 'Give me all I can drink  
in forty-eight hours. But they were a  
few, indeed. Most of the boys went  
to the banks and got Hongkong paper  
money in exchange. The 'Rickshaw'  
and 'Sedan chair' men had a picnic,  
as none of the men would bother with  
anything smaller than a Mexican."  
"I made a handsome chart of the  
battle and it is being lithographed.  
When completed I will send you one."  
"We have not discharged a man  
since we came here and have sixty  
men whose terms of enlistment have  
expired. As a great many of them are  
petty officers it will be a difficult mat-  
ter to replace them. Not one wishes  
to re-enlist, all wishing to go home.  
The other ships are as bad and worse  
off than we are, the Olympia having  
200 men and the Boston 150, all doing  
overtime. Our naval strength here  
will have to be something more, and  
it is rumored that one of the bat-  
tleships, probably the Oregon, will come  
here."

#### Admiral Miller.

Rear-Admiral Miller, on October 15th  
in San Francisco Bay, lowered his flag  
on the cruiser Philadelphia and Com-  
modore Kautz hoisted his flag. As the  
descending flag floated down to the  
deck thirteen guns boomed out a salute  
in honor of the rank of the retiring  
officer and seven guns roared a wel-  
come to the new Commodore's colors  
as they were hoisted to their place of  
honor. Thirteen more guns were fired  
as Admiral Miller went over the side.

#### Camp McKinley Branch.

Col. Barber has selected a spot near  
Kaula, around Diamond Head as a  
Regimental health resort. E Company  
has been established there as a post  
and will remain indefinitely. Con-  
valescents will be sent to this place  
from time to time. E Company had  
development more sickness than any  
other element of the regiment. In a  
very few days of the air of Waialae  
the men have shown marked improve-  
ment.

## TIME LIKE LIVE WIRE

### How Col. Barber Received Health Board President.

#### COL. CURSED AND THREATENED

Mr. W. O. Smith's Report—Warm  
Interest Yesterday Morning.  
Otis and McKinley.

A meeting of the Board of Health  
was held yesterday afternoon which  
was attended by President Smith, Drs.  
Emerson, Wood and Day, and Messrs.  
Geo. W. Smith, Theo. F. Lansing and  
L. D. Kellipio.

President Smith stated that the  
meeting had been called for the pur-  
pose of receiving his report regarding  
the sanitary condition of Camps Otis  
and McKinley.

The attention of the Board was called  
to an article appearing in the Hawaiian  
Star of October 25, which purported  
to be a report of the special meeting  
of the Board held upon that date, by  
Dr. Emerson. President Smith re-  
quested the representative of the Ad-  
vertiser to publish the fact that the  
report was very incorrect and mis-  
leading.

President Smith informed the Board  
of the reception given him by Col.  
Barber upon his visit to the Camps  
and stated that all matters pertaining  
to the subject would be made public.  
Mr. Smith then submitted the follow-  
ing report:

Honolulu, H. I., Oct. 26, 1898.  
At the adjournment of the special  
meeting of the Board of Health yester-  
day p. m., I proceeded with Brigade  
Surgeon Morris to Camps Otis and Mc-  
Kinley, on the way calling at the Mil-  
itary Hospital at Little Britain.

At Camp Otis we found the condi-  
tion of the several privy sinks or  
vaults in the same condition as re-  
ported by Doctors Day and Wood, namely,  
in a very offensive and foul-smelling  
condition, without proper disinfection  
and surrounded by vast numbers of  
flies. Lime solution had been used as  
a disinfectant, but in limited quantity,  
and also white sand had been thrown  
in from time to time. The disinfection  
was very incomplete and the place  
in very offensive condition.

We called upon Maj. Paul, at Camp  
Otis, and acquainted him with the pur-  
pose of our visit, and then proceeded  
to Camp McKinley, where we inspec-  
ted the privy sinks at the Engineer's  
Camp and in the Camp of the First  
New York Regiment.

We found the sinks at the Engi-  
neers' Camp to be in good condition,  
ample and frequent supplies of dry  
earth having been used. There was  
but little offensive odor and the place  
was in as good condition as could be  
expected under the circumstances.

We did not visit all of the sinks at  
Camp McKinley, but saw one of them  
and made some general investigations.  
This morning at half past eight  
o'clock I met Brigade Surgeon Morris  
at the office of Col. George Ruhlin.  
Col. Ruhlin is the Quartermaster of  
the United States military forces here.  
I presented to him Gen. King's letter  
of October 22nd, in which he stated  
that "all the resources we have as to  
ambulances, transportation and sup-  
plies are at your service, and anything  
more that is needed shall be purchased  
on the spot."

Col. Ruhlin informed us that he did  
not know whether there were suitable  
carts at any of the camps for the pur-  
pose of carting dry earth, which had  
been recommended for use at the  
privy sinks, and after consultation, he,  
Surgeon Morris and I proceeded out  
to the camps. We first called on Maj.  
Paul at Camp Otis and stated to him  
that it was recommended by the Board  
of Health that pulverized, dry earth  
be used in the privy sinks in place of  
the sand which had been used, and  
that as there was no suitable soil at  
the places where the privy sinks were  
located, it would be necessary to have  
some carted in from the outside, and  
asked if he had any carts suitable for  
the purpose. He stated that the ve-  
hicles or carts which he had were not  
suitable, and moreover nearly all of  
them were in use. Therefore, with  
the approval of Col. Ruhlin, I ar-  
ranged with Hustace & Co. to send out  
two dump carts with two men each  
and tools to cart in dry earth.

From Camp Otis, Col. Ruhlin, Dr.  
Morris and I proceeded to the head-  
quarters of Col. T. H. Barber, of the  
First New York Regiment. After ex-  
plaining the object of coming I pre-  
sented the letter from Gen. King,  
which Col. Barber read. He claimed  
that all had been done which was  
practicable in the way of disinfecting  
the privy sinks and that nothing more